RECORDATION NO. 24367- BEE

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

VIA UPS 2nd DAY AIR

July 20, 2004

FIRST UNION RAIL

One O'Hare Centre 6250 River Road, Suite 5000 Rosemont, IL 60018

Tel 847 318-7575 Fax 847 318-7588

> Mr. Vernon E. Williams Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W., Room 704 Washington, DC 20423-0001

Attn: Recordation of Railroad Equipment

Re: Memorandum of Lease Agreement

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are three (3) originals of a Memorandum of Lease Agreement, dated April 2, 2004, a secondary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents. The enclosed document relates to the Lease Agreement which was duly filed with the Commission under Recordation Number 24367.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Lessor: First Union Rail Corporation

One O'Hare Center 6250 River Road, Suite 5000

Rosemont, IL 60018

Lessee:

Land O' Lakes Feed 1080 County Road F West

Shoreview, MN 55126

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is six (6) 4750 cu. ft. covered hopper cars, with FURX, NDYX marks (see Exhibit A for car numbers).

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Memorandum of Lease

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee. Kindly return one (1) stamped original of the enclosed document to the undersigned along with the additional copies.

If you have any questions regarding the above-referenced matter, please contact me at (847) 384-5387. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Georgia Freiburger

Manager of Documentation

Enclosures

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MEMORANDUM OF LEASE

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE (the "Memorandum") is made and entered into as of this the day of ________, 2003 by and between First Union Rail Corporation ("Lessor"), a North Carolina corporation, and Land O'Lakes Feed, a Minnesota corporation.

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned Lessor and Lessee have entered into that certain Lease Agreement, dated as of Formary 13, 2003 whereby Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee certain railcars pursuant to Rider No. 4 to the Lease (the "Rider") as described in more particular on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of May 31. 2004, and subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of the above mentioned Lease and Rider.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this Memorandum to be duly executed under seal by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

LESSOR: FIRST UNION RAIL CORPORATION ATTEST: Name: Title: Executed on this 2rd day of Gord, 2004. [CORPORATE SEAL] STATE OF | LLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK I, SUSAN GROKUUSKY, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that RICHARD F. SEYMOUR. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease. WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 2 day of April Susan Cropulshy Notary Public My Commission Expires: 8-14- 2004 (Notary Public)

OFFICIAL SEAL SUSAN GROKULSKY NOTAP PUBLIC STATE OF ILLINOIS 4Y COMMISSION EXP. 25 2-14-2004 LESSEE:

LAND O'LAKES FEED

By: John Aug purder

By: Title: Director of Parcha
Name: ______
Title: Executed on this 25/41av of Manager

Executed on this 25/4day of March, 2004.

[CORPORATE SEAL]

ATTEST:

STATE OF Minnesota COUNTY OF Washington

I, Rebecce L Shaffer, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that John Cugspurger personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his/her due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 25 day of _______, 2004

My Commission Expires:

01/31/05 (Notary Public)

REBECCA L. SHAFFER
NOTARY PUBLIC-MINNESOTA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1-31-2005

EXHIBIT A to

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE

NUMBER OF CARS:

DESCRIPTION OF CARS: 4750 cu. ft. Covered Hopper Cars with trough hatch covers and gravity

gates

Six (6)

CAR NUMBERS:

FURX 826789 FURX 828248 FURX 830045 FURX 830573 FURX 832017 NDYX 828556 Count: 6